

(where vacancies are not due to insufficient demand). A PHA has modernization capability if it has previously received CIAP funding and meets the requirements of *Modernization capability* as defined at § 968.205.

(c) *ACC amendment.* HUD and the PHA shall enter into an ACC amendment in order for the PHA to draw down modernization funds. The ACC amendment shall require low-income use of the housing for not less than 20 years from the date of the ACC amendment (subject to sale of homeownership units in accordance with the terms of the ACC). The PHA Executive Director, where authorized by the Board of Commissioners and permitted by State law, may sign the ACC amendment on behalf of the PHA. HUD has the authority to condition an ACC amendment (e.g., to require a PHA to hire a modernization coordinator or contract administrator to administer its modernization program).

(d) *Declaration of trust.* As HUD may require, the PHA shall execute and file for record a Declaration of Trust, as provided under the ACC, to protect the rights and interests of HUD throughout the 20-year period during which the PHA is obligated to operate its developments in accordance with the ACC, the Act, and HUD regulations and requirements.

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§ 968.215 Resident and homebuyer participation.

A PHA shall establish a Partnership Process, as defined in § 968.105, to develop, implement and monitor the CIAP. Before submission of the CIAP application, a PHA shall consult with the residents, the resident organization, or the resident management corporation (see part 964, subpart C of this chapter) (herein referred to as the resident) of the development(s) being proposed for modernization, regarding its intent to submit an application and to solicit resident comments. A PHA shall give residents a reasonable opportunity to present their views on the proposed modernization and alternatives to it and shall give full and serious consideration to resident recommendations. A PHA shall respond in writing to the residents, indicating its acceptance or

rejection of resident recommendations, consistent with HUD requirements and the PHA's own determination of efficiency, economy, and need. After HUD approval of the modernization program, a PHA shall inform the residents of the approved work items and its progress during implementation. Where HUD does not approve the modernization program, a PHA shall so inform the residents.

§ 968.225 Budget revisions.

(a) A PHA shall not incur any modernization cost in excess of the total HUD-approved CIAP budget. A PHA shall submit a budget revision, in a form prescribed by HUD, if the PHA plans to deviate from the originally approved modernization program, as it was competitively funded, by deleting or substantially revising approved work items or adding new work items that are unrelated to the originally approved modernization program, or to change the method of accomplishment from contract to force account labor, except as provided in paragraph (b)(4) of this section.

(b) In addition to the requirements of paragraph (a) of this section, a PHA shall comply with the following requirements:

(1) A PHA is not required to obtain prior HUD approval if, in order to complete the originally approved modernization program, the PHA needs to delete or revise approved work items or add new related work items consistent with the original modernization program. In such case, a PHA shall certify that the revisions are necessary to carry out the approved work and do not result in substantial changes to the competitively funded modernization program.

(2) A PHA shall not incur any modernization cost on behalf of any development that is not covered by the original CIAP application.

(3) Where there are funds leftover after completion of the originally approved modernization program, a PHA may, without prior HUD approval, use the remaining funds to carry out eligible modernization activities at developments covered by the original CIAP application.